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Those wishing to enroll in institutes of the river fleet can apply to the Novosibirsk River Technical School for information on requirements and make application there for admission to the institutes. -- Advertisement

SEAMEN NEEDED IN OB' RIVER BASIN -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 133, 8 Jul 49

The Administration of River Routes of the Ob' Basin has openings for electricians, Diesel operators, mechanics, machinists, stokers, and sailors. A geodesist is needed for work within the administration. Apply: Personnel Department, ulitsa Shchetinskina, 33. -- Advertisement

AMUR STEAMSHIP LINE SHORT OF PLEDGE -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 147, 24 Jun 49

In the first month of the navigation season, the Khabarovsk Port considerably exceeded the plan for mechanization of freight handling. The port has succeeded in reducing the layover of the fleet during handling by one and a half times. Steamships on express routes and through tugboats are processed ahead of schedule in the majority of cases. The wharves at Borodsk and Leninak have also made a substantial reduction in the layover time of the fleet. The total number of steamships and barges of the Amur River Steamship Line which have been processed ahead of schedule is higher than in 1948 but does not measure up to pledges. At the same time, the fleet is scheduled to increase the volume of transport 25 percent during the current navigation season. -- I. Shekhtman, editor of the newspaper Rechnik Amura.

FIRST NAVIGATION PILOTS GRADUATE IN LATVIA -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 173, 24 Jul 49

The Latvian State Steamship Lines graduated its first class of long-distance navigation pilots on 23 July. Eight seamen received pilots' diplomas. They have all had long practical experience in piloting ships and good theoretical preparation. The State Examining Commission evaluated the pilots' knowledge as being "good" and "excellent". The Latvian Steamship Lines will employ these pilots as reinforcements for the merchant marine.

RIVER SHIPMENTS SPEEDUP -- Krasnyy Flot, No 169, 20 Jul 49

The Volga Diesel freighter Tateriya has launched a new campaign to attain speeds achieved by railroads. On its first such trip from Vol'sk to Moscow, it covered the 2,097-kilometer journey in 186 hours. As its travel time was 160 hours and standing time 26 hours, the ship attained an average speed excluding stops of 314.5 kilometers per day and an average speed including stops of 270 kilometers per day. The ship attained a speed of 432 kilometers per day on the Perebor-Bol'shaya Volga stretch. The development of this campaign will make it possible to ship goods by water which are not shipped by rail. -- A. N. Vakhurovyy, Vice Minister of River Fleet USSR

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